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Journal of a Whaling Voyage
On Board the Ship Frances of
New Bedford.

Sunday August 1st - - - - - 1831

The Frances got sail from the wharf in New Bedford with the wind to the westward blowing strong, & beating out past the Elizabeth Islands whilst the ship was in stays she struck severall times on some rocks called the Hen & Chickens but did not damage the ship so as to be perceived: in a short time after discharged the pilot & severall others that did not belong to the ship, then we proceeded on our voyage stood out to the southward so as to clear the land & then shaped our course for the Western Islands, after a few ^{days} the general employ^{ment} was to fit the boats for whaling

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If to keep a good look out, drive the Ship
as fast as possible, in about ten days out
we saw three Sperm whale lowered our
Boats for them but without success,
Nothing more worth mentioning in our
passage from New Bedford to the Islands
it being about sixteen days. We made the
Land in the morning through a thick
fog at the distance of about eight miles
we ran in & found it to be the Island
of Flowers, we ran in close to one of the
landing places & finding it very smooth
lowered away two boats & went on shore to
get some requisites for the voyage potatoes
onions, and such like such as whalers
commonly get on such a voyage, the
Ship Trident Captain Shedd being
at the Islands at the same time

I spoke with him he told me he
had been lucky enough to get one hundred
barrells Sperma Oil. the next day after
we left the Islands fell in with
the ~~ship~~ ^{boat} of New Bedford Capt. ^{Weeks}
Bound on a whaling voyage round Cape
Horn had no oil when we spoke him
we beat round the Islands with a head
wind & current severell days before
we got clear of them about this time
spoke a Schooner belonging to Cape-
Cod she had been out four months with
two Sperm whales one of them along side
& trying out the other, after we got clear
the Islands we took a E. wind
which was fair for us being bound to
the South, we drove the ship with
all the canvas she would bear. the most
of the time fair & pleasant
weather, about the 15th September ^{at} cross

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the Equinoctial Line here we had Considerable
rain & baffling winds after we got in
about 6 or 7th South we had strong favorable
wind, a few days before we struck
on the bank or the East Cape as the wha-
leman commonly term it we raised
a sperm whale loosed for him but with-
out success, about this time one of the crew
fell overboard coming from aloft as quick
as we perceived him overboard threw the
main hatch overboard for the man to save
himself but it being some distance from
him he did not reach it we hoard a boat
as quick as possible & picked him up, but
when the boat got to him he was entirely
helpless, a few days after this we struck
in green water it being about the first
of October & in the Latitude of about $35^{\circ}35'03''$
Longitude $172^{\circ}10'W$, in a few days after this saw
a right whale lowered the boat & chased him
the whale going to the windward & it being rough

did not catch him, about this ^{time} we experienced
a very heavy gail of wind which lasted
about eighteen hours, in a short time after
this saw a sail ahead ^{and} for her I spoke
her we found it to be the ^{ship} George of Hantack
her out about twelve months with fourteen
hundred barrells right whale oil the Captⁿ
of the George wished our Captⁿ to come
onboard for he had a man onboard that
was badly hurt was gained in the hole
that same night spoke the barque
Franklin of Rochester with two whalers
few days after this chased severell whal^{ers}
caught one white^{te} trying out spoke the
ship Benjamin ^{was} Rush of Warren R, I.
Captⁿ Foley. the same time spoke a New
^{up} Bedford ship Captⁿ Adams four months
out with three or four hundred barrells oil
in a short time after this we fell in
with whales & tolerable plenty but very

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wild when we was four months ^{out} we
had caught fifteen whales which made
us one thousand barrels ^{out} in this time
we experienced severall gales of wind
but not much rain spoke a number
of vessels a Barque belonging to Rochester
Capt. Coary with five whales the Ship
Hope Capt. Price with seven whales &
another time with eleven whales which
made him seven hundred barrels at this
time we had thirteen whales, not far
from this time spoke the Miles of Warren
with one thousand barrels ^{out} then spoke the
Hidasppe of New Bedford Capt. Spooner
he had been from home fourteen months
he had then nine hundred barrels ^{out} on board
& had sold at the end of the season
before four hundred barrels at Rio Janeiro
in a few days after speaking the Ship
Hidasppe, spoke the Ship Woodroffmas

of ^{the} Flower de Graff been out about seven
months with ~~thirty~~ three hundred barrels
right whale oil ~~wanted~~ one more whale,
we cruised about on this ground a few
days longer the season being about out
& whales growing scarce we steamed more
to the E.ward calculating to go round
the Cape of Good Hope & cruise for sperm
whale if we did not fall in with right wh.
enough to make up up two thousand lbs
after we had run to the East were about
twenty four hours raised whales hoared
& struck two & saved them both in a
few days after saw more lowered our
boats & caught two more, about this
time spoke ~~ships~~ several ships bound
home we improved the opportunity two
weight ~~of~~ them, we was lucky ^{enough} to fall in
in with whales for a short time to make
plenty which enabled us to make out
about fifteen hundred lbs, right wh. oil.

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We Cruise here a few days longer but finding the whaler had left the ground & getting late for them here it being the last of December we run off to the E. were again the wind being favorable for us, we kept a look out for whales but did not fall in with any to the westward of the Cape, it being a short ^{time} after we put away from the Cape before we was up th it the wind being favorable & a plenty of it we have ^{very} tolerable luck so far on our voyage had but one boat stove by whales, no one hurt the weather for about one half of the time tolerable good. A few days since saw a ship to the leeward run for her but she being suspicious of us made all sail & run from us it being near night we did not chase her far but suppose her to be a whaler - - - - -
So far as I have got is nothing more
Then a sketch of the times that has past

Monday January 8th — 1832

By Sea account begins with strong
Breezes but favourable took in & made
sail as occasion required our course
being to the Eastward & the wind
westerly carried all sail that was pos-
sible, Middle & Latter part more moder-
ate but squally appearances At 10 o'clock, saw
a sail ahead standing to the S.W. but on
the wind nothing more worth mentioning

Tuesday January 9th 1832

This day begins with moderate Breezes
but variable the weather pleasant & clear
a rough sea setting from the Westward
At 10 A.M. more ship to the S.W. ward
Sharp on the wind, the ship labours have
discovered a leak alongside the ship's
stem at the wood ends so that she made
up considerable water nothing more worth
remarking except a few fragments of wood
such as fragments of ten thousand work being
storing stock gingerly & some other not worth
9 mentioning

took in the ship's gear & a large sea

Wednesday January 10th 1832

Enter, with fresh breezes from the East
were & pleasant weather All sail set
to the best advantage to shorten the
passage as fast as possible. no whales
in sight & has not been for ten days
past, there is a troubled mind on board
one that believes in the flying Dutchman
that there is so much talk of at this Cape
Goats, Wiches, &c. Middle part light winds
& flying clouds. Latter part light airs in-
creasing to calms At 8 A.M. saw a sail
ahead no whales in sight this day
Latitude by Observation $36^{\circ} 50'$ Long $22^{\circ} 10'$ East

Thursday January 12th 1832

P.M., Commences with light airs & haz-
ey weather the above mentioned sail
still in sight, at the present time our work
being every one watch below the watch on deck
barrels, some repairing, some with
out for whales, others repairing Boats, &c.

then a sketch of the times that has past

Middle part Gentle breezes from the W.
were with passing clouds our course being
to the East, where we made all sail that was
necessary to shorten our passage our ship
being out of trim moved every thing that
was moveable from of the fore-castle aft
Latter part strong breeze & pleasant
weather no whales in sight this day

Sunday January 13th 1832

Commences with strong breeze from the
W. with & pleasant weather carrying moderate
sail not so much as we might

Middle part fresh breeze with showers
of rain

Latter part moderate breeze
with passing clouds & pleasant weather
saw a great number of blackfish but
did not lose for them we having a fair
wind & did not want to leave too much
more in sight this day

took in the 3rd part of a negro boy

Saturday January 14th 1832

P.M. Begins with light breezes from
The North West were & pleasant weather
steering to the S.E. way for the Island
of Madagascar calculating to goin there
to recruit the ship before we cruise
much for sperm whales -
Middle part light airs & calm with
a high sea on
from the S.E. rather part fresh breezes -
steering to the S.E. were and pleasant weather
wind

Sunday January 15th 1832

Entered with strong breezes from the
S.E. were & pleasant At 11 P.M. saw the pro-
bot of a whale but could not ascertain what
kind Middle & rather part strong
breezes & a rough sea on, the water being
very light colored I think there coming to
more than fifty fathoms nothing in sight
near a vessel of the times that has past

Monday January 16th 1832

P. M. Commenced with strong breezes
from the N. E. & hazy weather a rough
head beat sea on at 4 P. M. shortened sail
Middle part fresh winds & a head sea
Latter part strong gales & heavy sho-
wers of rain At 8 A. M. the wind being
S. by E. main all sail the ship running at
the rate of ten knot per hour one half
the crew employed working ship the
other half below no vessels in sight this
day

Tuesday January 17th 1832

Begins with strong breeze from the
N. E. & pleasant weather all sail
set to the best advantage

Middle part strong gales & a high sea
Sayed the pump & found she made con-
siderable water shortened sail to ease the
ship at 2 P. M. parted the fore S. by E. N. E. & she
took in the fore S. by E. N. E. & she
gall & a high sea

Wednesday January 18th 1832

P.M. Commences with a strong Gale
from the W. West & pleasant weather All
Necessary sail set put up a new S.C.S.
Says the ship sailing at the rate of ten
& eleven knots per hour

Middle & Latter Part fresh breezes &
pleasant weather Nothing more worth
Remarkable except no whales in
sight

Thursday January 19th

Enters with fresh breezes from the West
West & pleasant weather. our man of board
pretends to have an argument that a
fore topmast is not a mast &c

Middle & Latter part much the same
as the first we each employed bundling
up Bone and stowing it away This day
Ends with fine pleasant breezes & clear
weather

... .. of our masts that has past

Remarks Friday January 20th 1832

P.M. Begins with Gentle Breezes
from the S.E. & pleasant weather Steaming
E.N.E. per Compass all ^{necessary} sail
set to the best advantage

Middle & Latter part much the same
As the first all drawing sail set by the
wind

Saturday January 21st 1832

This 24 hours begins with moderate breezes
from the S.E. Wind & light showers of rain
all sail set on the wind steaming to
the E.N.E. where we lay our course

Middle part light air & showers of rain

Latter part Gentle breezes & pleasant weather

At 8 A.M. stowed the Anchors & put
them on the bow. Nothing more mentioning
this twenty four hours. Our Dickey wants to
know if there is any such thing as antey

15 Nabones

took in water of gall & a negro saw

Sunday January 22^d 1832

Commences with fresh breezes from the
S. E. wind & pleasant weather steering E. S. E.
on the wire. All hands employed mending
the rust off the Chain & oiling it - - -
Mid part strong breezes &
squally shortened sail - - -

Latter part fresh gales &
squally appearances a confused sea running

Monday January 23^d 1832

^{up}P. M. Begins with strong breezes from
The S. E. wind & squally looking weather
At 8 ^{up}P. M. shortened sail close Rft the
T. Sails took in Gibb & Main sail sent down
M. royal yard At 10 do furled T. S. sail set the
Spencers the Gail continued to increase
shipped considerable water the land being
under our lee at 8 P. M. wore ship to keep
off shore

Middle & Latter part much the
same as the first. the water appeared to be con-
siderable colored large schools of porpoises around
the ship many more than have past

Tuesday January 24th 1832

Commenced with strong gales from
The E.S.E. were & passing clouds but pleasant
weather a confused sea on nothing more
worth mentioning the first part of the
day. Middle part much the same as the
first At 8 A.M. took the F.C. sail and set it
Latter part more moderate main sail as oc-
casion required Shearing to the North &
East were

Wednesday January 25th 1832

P.M. Begins with light breeze from the
East were smooth sea & pleasant weather

At 2 P.M. saw a sperm whale from mast
head to the leeward run down for him
but it being so near brought before we
came up with him did not succeed in
keeping him Middle part strong breeze
& shortened sail Latter part light breeze incline
to calm At 8 A.M. main sail again no more whal-
les in sight this day except finbacks &c

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Took in the open gail & a high sea

Thursday January 26th 1832
P.M. Began a light air from the East
Clear & pleasant weather All hands employed
repairing old souls saw a large number
of small fish & several finback whales
Middle Port notuddy breezes

Latter part (light airs) inclining to calm
thick foggy weather & appearance of land
not far off

Friday January 27th 1832

P.M. Gentle Breezes & pleasant weather
At 30th part 12 made the land bearing S.W.
Distance by estimation 18 miles we
supposed it to be the island of Montserrat
& near the South point called Cape St. John
our intended port being further to the
North West the wind being favorable proceeded
on 21.8 P.M. discovered something white
under our lee we hauled our wind and first
cleared a reef of rocks as it proved to be
in a narrow passage that was past

We keep the Ship by the wind about our
bow & then keep her off her course again
Middle part fresh breeze & cloudy sun under
short sail

Latter part pleasant breeze
& fine weather running along the coast of
Matagorda about ten miles from it the
Land is very level & barren & to all
appearance fertile

Saturday January 28th 1858

P.M. Commences with gentle breeze
from the South-west & fine pleasant weather
but very warm steering to the North-west
the watch employ hauling the cable & run
Middle part light breeze & pleasant weather
At 2 P.M. being not far from our desired
port have aback & lay to the most part
of the night At daylight borew forward &
run in towards the shore At noon lay becalmed five
miles from the shore of St Augustine
Took up our anchor gail & a high sea

Sunday January 29th 1832

This day being but twelve hours beginning with Gentle breezes & pleasant weather we ran in & came too at the mouth of the harbour before we came too the Natives came off from the shore in Canoes a great number of them several that called themselves Captains & wanted to be Pilots. we ran in & after we came too the natives procked on board in great numbers with shells, turpin root & several kinds of fruit. the Natives appeared to be of different tribes that came on board

It was soon as one party perceived that the Captain took more notice of one than the other the one not taken notice of went ashore about thirty stayed on board & traded untill sunset & then went ashore except two that called these names Capt. Stewart & Capt. George

Description of the *Indians* of Matagosa^{re}

They are of a dark Copper color & of a middle size, handsome & well built they appear to be of rather a savage disposition by one of the chiefs coming on board & pretending to want to purchase the trade with us whether we was willing or not he had a recommendation with him that was given him by an English Captain. it was a recommendation to wear a stranger not to trust them to far nor give them to much liberty. they not knowing how to read thought it very good. there was severall others that came on board with recommendations but there was none but that was recommended to be watched very closely & not trusted to far. one of these chiefs came on board & his two wives & about twelve young girls & six men to wait upon them besides severall soldiers to

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took us in an open gail & a high sea

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guarde them they called his name King
de Duke the King appeared to be very
fond of strong drink and his waters fond
of any thing they could get they stayed
one knight with us & then went on shore
to visit one of his Princes & very glad was
we to get clear of them. provisions to this
we had traded for every thing that we
stood in need of that they had. that was,
two bullock one sheep two goats & a large
quantity of Fowl the waste they wanted
for them was small pieces of iron powder
& a couple of old guns that we let them
have. aboute three hours after the King
went on shore our Captⁿ went on shore
to see them they appeared to be very glad
to see him. The King paraded all his
Soldiers armed with old guns & spears
He is proud of aboute twenty old hats
& appeared to be as large as a ~~large~~ mergull
The King of the island was not

after this persuasion was over the King
ordered his cattle drove up & then told
the Capt. to pick out two of the best ones
he could find for he was going to make
him a present of them the Capt. looked
around amongst them & picked out
two that he liked & told him he told the
King he would not take the hoodlark
then but when he mounted them he was
satisfied for them. the King seemed very well
as the Capt. was a leaving them the
King ordered him to send his boat ashore
at sunset for him then the Capt. left
& came on board & in about an hour
after. that was about four o'clock in the af-
ternoon weighed anchor & put to sea
what the natives thought I do not know
& that is not the worst of it

The island of Motogarear is very ^mhandsome
A tolerable portion the Produce is at St. An-
gusteen Cattle. sheep. Goats some potatoes
Bananas Plantains Jamexines & several
other kinds of Fruit a great variety
of shells. We lay in this Port from Satur-
day. untill Wednesday the weather for
the most part was pleasant and clear
one night we had a few showers whilst
we lay there we were employed cleaning
& painting ship setting up rigging
& other various jobs.

W. A. P.

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The 24th of the month has past 8

Thursday February 2^d - 1832

P.M. Commenced with fresh breeze
from the North West & a rough sea At 4 P.M.
got underway from St. Augustine bay
& put to sea steering to the South West
After we got out we found that our leak
increased to about five hundred strokes an
hour which obliged us to put away for home
& carry short sail so as not to increase
the leak Middle & Latter Part strong
breeze & rough sea but pleasant weather

Friday February 3^d - 1832

P.M. ^{up} Begins with strong breeze from
the North East & a confused sea running
steering to the South West under easy
sail on the account of the leakage which
we fear will increase

Middle & Latter Part much the same as
the first

took in our ²⁵ gail & a high sea
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Saturday February 4th 1832

Throughout this day is steady breeze
from the S. E. wind but equally ^{per} appearing
making the best of our way. Have nothing
more worth remarking this day

Sunday February 5th 1832

^{up} P. M. Commences with strong winds
from the S. E. wind & cloudy weather
Employed making a roadwide tiller rope
Middle & Latter Part pleasant weather
& light wind made all sail

Monday February 6th 1832

^{up} Begins with fresh breeze & pleasant
all drawing sail set Middle part fresh
winds & cloudy with some lightning to the
lee ward Latter Part fresh breeze & pleasant
took the Anchors in and stalked them & stowed them
in the hold of the ship
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Tuesday February 7th 1832

^{up} P.M. Entered with strong breezes from
the N.E. were & pleasant weather Steaming
to the S.E. were with all drawing sail set
before the wind At 4 P.M. under the M
I sail I bent a new one sent up main
royal yard & set the sail trimmed the ship
more by the stern & Middle Part fresh
breezes & some clouds. Latter part strong
winds & heavy weather under Mizzen
Sail & gale to repair employ repairing
old sails

Wednesday February 8th 1832

^{up} P.M. commences with strong breeze
The N.E. were & heavy weather & a rough
sea ship continues to leak at the rate
of five hundred strokes per hour At 4 P.M.
the wind shifted suddenly in a squall from
North to S.W. the squall lasted about an hour
there was some rain attended with sharp
lightning & heavy thunder took in 2 sails
took in the main gail & a night sea

Close ^{up} Continued
Rft the Top Sails & took in the F. Sail
Gibbs & sparker At 6 P.M. wore ship to the
Westward & bent the Mizzen & Sail & set it
& all other necessary sail

Middle Part moderate breezes & rainier
overcast weather Latter part light airs
and a head heat sea At 4 P.M. made
Sail standing on the wind to the
N.W.ward The ship continues to leak
but not so in excess as it much

Thursday February 9th 1832

P.M. Commences with moderate breeze

from the S.W.ward & a rough sea setting
from the Southward At 6 P.M. greened on
& clouded up At midnight squally Dou-
ble Rft the Top Sail took in the Mizzen
& Sail main Sail & Gibbs strong breeze
through the night Latter Part more mo-
derate main sail again

The watch employed at various jobs

Friday February 10th 1832

P.M. Begins with gentle breeze from
the South West were I a rough head boat see
All necessary sail set for the breeze Employ
tipping up old sails At 6 P.M. the
wind wind hauled to the Northward so that
we could lay our course which is west
Middle Port light breeze inclining
to Calms Gather Port light over from
the Eastward and pleasant weather set
the fore top mast shedding sail sent up
the main royal yard & set the sail
Nothing in sight this day & nothing
more worth mentioning except
the belief of our Mate which is very axonid³
if the Capt. says yes let it be safe or risky
he will say the same if he undertakes to lay
out any work of consequence he is shure to
spoil it if he undertakes a job of little use he
does us much again upon it as it is worth
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Took in the foremast gail & a night sea
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Saturday February 11th 1832
P.M. Begins with light breeze
from the East were it present weather
all drawing sail set before the wind
Employed repairing sails &c

Middle part Strong Breeze & soon
equally At 10 P.M. shortened sail At 12 A.M.
M. more moderate made all sail again
Latter part light air at 10 A.M. Breeze
if standing by from N.E. to S.W. &
craned on shortened sail At noon work
ship to the S.W. were

Sunday February 12th 1832

P.M. Commenced with a strong breeze
& a confused sea standing on the wind ^{the} S.W.
were Middle part light air from the
Eastward square the yards & made sail

Latter part moderate breeze from the
E. were not the S.W. & theudding sail. our course
at this time is S.W. & on and on
of our mms that has past

Monday February 13th 1832

P. M. Begins with a fresh breeze
from the Eastward & a cold sea but
pleasant weather all drawing sail yet
before the wind. we have every appearance
of a short passage out present
Middle Part fresh breezes & clear
At 2 P. M. the wind died away calm
& sprang up to the S. W. wind in a
short time after had several snow showers
were ship to the N. Westward
Latter Part strong breezes from
the N. W. wind & a heavy swell At 10 P. M.
the sail increasing shortened sail to a
close reef main & sail ends with heavy
squalls of wind & rain

Tuesday February 14th 1832

P. M. Commences with a strong Gail
from the Westward & a high sea running
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Took in the foremast gail & a high sea
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lying too under Close ^{up} Rft M.C.S.
Fore Top Mast stay sail; the weather fine
& pleasant except some flying clouds
Employed patching & mending
Middle part strong gale & a high sea ^{ing}
At 8 P.M. wore ship to the S.W.ward
At 10.00 moderated some & set reefed & sail
~~Close~~ Rft Mizen. Sail ship continues to
work about the same Latter part

more moderate & set the topsails mainsail
& the Ends with light breeze from the S.W.

Wednesday February 15th 1832
P.M. Commences with a light breeze
inclining to Calms At 6 P.M. wore ship
to the S.W.ward standing on the wind
Middle part light baffling breeze
& a rough sea Latter part fresh breeze
from the W.ward & a confused sea at noon
Double Rft the Stails took in fiddle & spar
for crew employed repairing sails

Remained of our miles that has past 32 8

Thursday February 16th 1832

P. M. Begins with strong Gale from the S. W. were a high sea running standing on the wind South. were at 6 P. M. close rft the 3 sails. At 4. do. rft the 2nd & 3rd with middle & 1st strong gails attended with squalls of rain. Ship labouring heavy increases the leak —

Latter part more moderate wind some sail at 8 A. M. were ship to the S. W. were

Friday February 17th 1832

P. M. Begins fresh breeze from the S. W. & a troubled sea but pleasant weather with passing clouds Middle part strong breeze attended with squalls at M. night took in 1st & 2nd & 3rd Double Rft M Top Sails & close Rft 1st & 2nd Mizen At 4. A. M. continued to breeze on took in 1st Mizen Top. Sails & 2nd sail close Rft main Top Sail Latter part strong Gale from the S. W. were at 10. A. M. sent down 1st Mizen & 2nd Top in the forenoon. Gale with a tremendous gail & a high sea

Saturday February 18th 1832

^{up} M. Commences with a tremendous
Gale of wind from the Westward & a very
heavy sea running. Lying too under Close Rpt
Main Sail & Main Spencer At 6 P.M. rather
moderated bore ship to the Southward

Middle of port more moderate but a heavy
sea running At 6.30 M. made some sail
& bore ship to the Southward

Latter part moderate pleasant weather
with a confused sea running main all
sail standing to the North Eastward
on the wind

Sunday February 19th 1832

^{sup} M. Begins with strong fair
the S.W. wind & pleasant weather but a
rough sea on at 3 P.M. Rpt & mizen Top Sails
At 6.40 Double Rpt main Top Sails

Middle part fresh gales & unpleasant
weather At 10 P.M. Close Rft the T. Sails that
H. D. M. took in the top sail

Later part the same as the middle At 10
A.M. took in Fore sail & Mizzen Top sail in
a squall this day ends more pleasant

Monday February 20th 1830

Throughout this 24 hours strong gales
from the Westward & a high confused
sea running bying too under close rft
main top sail. For main & spencers & D. Mast
staysail latter part set the T. sail & Miz
top sails Ends more moderate

Tuesday February 21st 1830

M. Commences with a fresh breeze
from the S. W. wind & a confused sea on
At 4 P.M. moderated raised all sail stowed
in on the wind to the S. W. wind
Wind part light air inclining to a calm

Later Part light breezes from the
East were sent up the Mizzen & fore golden
& main royal yards & set the sails ends
with moderate breezes & pleasant weather

Wednesday February 22nd 1832

^{up} P.M. commences with gentle breeze
from the South west steering to the
S.W. by W. All drawing sail set
Middle Port the same as the first
Gather Port fresh breezes from the
S.E. wind ship running at the rate of
10 knot per hour ends with squally off
-swey

Thursday February 23rd 1832

^{up} P.M. Begins with a strong breeze from
the S.E. wind attended with squalls of
wind & rain as the wind increased shore
-ward soil

Charles Perce

Charles Perce

Fair Haven

Massachusetts

County of Bristol

United States of America

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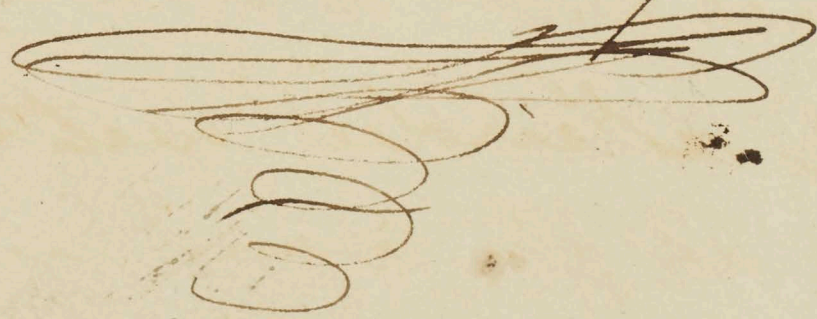
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can recommend as a faithful

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